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In re Patent Application of Graham Louis WILSON	Examiner: Kevin P. Kerns
Serial No. 10/069,393	Docket No.: 22529-301
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For: HOT SPRUE SYSTEM FOR DIE-CASTING	

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is a Response to the Office Action dated June 2, 2003.

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. The Examiner has imposed restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 and §372 and is requiring an election between:

Group I, claims 1-12, drawn to a hot-chamber diecasting process and die-set for use in the diecasting process; and

Group II, claims 13-20, drawn to a sprue insert-set.

Applicant traverses the restriction requirement. Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed inventions of Groups I and II are not independent on the basis the sprue insert-set

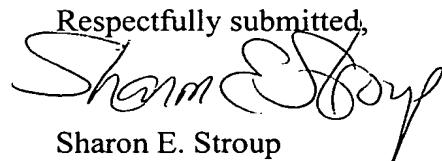
of Group II is used in the process of the Group I invention. Further, the M.P.E.P. §803 sets forth that a proper requirement for restriction between patentably distinct inventions must satisfy at least two criteria:

(A) The inventions must be independent or distinct as claimed; and

(B) There must be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is required.

Applicant submits that the inventions of Groups I and II are not independent and that the Examiner has not shown a serious burden requiring restriction. Accordingly, withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested. To be fully responsive to the Examiner's restriction requirement, applicant elects with traverse Group II, which is drawn to a sprue insert-set, represented by claims 13-20.

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